



Make: Porsche 962C Model: 1987 Year: France Location: Type: Coupé **Chassis Number:** 962 131 Drive: RHD **Road Registered:** No Competition Ready: Yes FIA HTP: No Interior Color: Black

Exterior Color: Salamin Livery

Price: P.O.A.

Key Features

- Genuine 1987 Porsche factory built 962C
- Swiss Salamin team car with 27 finishes in 30+ races
- · Bare chassis restoration and as-new
- Sold in race ready condition with only 3 hours running
- Very collectable and also eligible for all Group C car races around the world

Description

The Porsche 956 and its 962 successor need few introductions to the Porsche aficionados. The 962 holds a place of its own as it enabled Porsche to win the 24 Hours of Daytona five times, the 12 Hours of Sebring four times, the Le Mans 24 Hours twice, together with wins at Dijon, Monza, Watkins Glen, and so on It's quite difficult to find a circuit where a Porsche 956/962 failed to impress!

It all started in the mid-80s. The Porsche 956, the victor at Le Mans from 1982 to 1985, was not considered safe enough to race in the United States according to its IMSA governing body. Porsche therefore decided to create an American version of the 956 which was called the 962 which went in production from 1984 onwards. The wheelbase was extended by 12 cm to accommodate the pedals to sit behind the front wheel axis. The Porsche 962 was the US-only version with a single turbo, while the 962C was twin-turbo. The 962/ 962C was raced allover the world in many events such as the IMSA GT Championship, the Japan Sport-Prototypes Championship, the German Supercup Championship, the European Interseries Championship and – last but not least - the famous Sports Cars World Championship.

It was for these latter three championships that our car, chassis 962C-131, was used. With a racing career spanning three years from 1987 to 1989, this privateer 962C has the distinction of always having raced in the Swiss Team Salamin colors. Antoine Salamin, a Swiss architect and racing-driver, had been racing various Porsches 911 such as the Carrera 2.7 RS, 3.0 RS, 930 Turbo and the mighty 935. He then bought 962-131 from Porsche Motorsport and took delivery of it on September 11, 1987 and raced the car for the first time a month later. Salamin subsequently did over thirty races with 962C-131.

962C-131's first race appearance was in mid-October 1987, at Zeltweg for the Interseries Championship. After qualifying in 6th place, the Swiss finished at the same position in the first leg, then 8th in the second leg. A little more than a month later, the car was entered for the 500km of Kyalami where Antoine Salamin finished 8th in both legs. With such an encouraging start, chassis 131 started to race all over Europe in 1988 and 1989, accumulating finishing points in the Sports Cars World Championship, the Interseries and Supercup championships. With only three retirements in over 30 races 962C-131 did well as the Swiss Team Salamin finished seventh in the 1988 Sports Cars World Championship, fourth in the Interseries championship of the same year, and sixth in the 1989 Supercup championship. Twice, the team attempted to qualify for the Le Mans 24 Hours but failed to secure a place on the grid during the practice sessions.

From 1987 to 1989, Antoine Salamin took the wheel for every single race and was joined for some races by Giovanni Lavaggi, Jean-Denis Deletraz, Hellmut Numdas or the experienced Max Cohen-Olivar. 962C-131 went into retirement at the Mexico City race in 1989. During practice, it was damaged in a collision with Patrick Tambay. The Swiss team then turned to another 962C (chassis 157) for the 1990 and 1991 seasons. The car's detailed race history can be found below in the History section.



After the 1989 season, 962C-131 was displayed in a Swedish museum after which it returned to France and was put up for sale by Salamin through dealer/broker Pierre Landreau and then through Crubilé Motorsport before it was sold to its current French owner in 2007.

A complete, bare-chassis restoration was carried out by Porsche specialist IMSA Performance during which an extensive restoration file was compiled which comes with the car. Every item on the car was fully rebuild including the 2.8 litre Water/Air engine, the gearbox, suspension, etc. The car was freshly re-painted in its iconic and beautiful "Hotel Anniviers" livery as raced in 1989.

Since its restoration, the car was used very sparingly at Le Mans Classic 2016 and the Dix Mille Tours of Le Castellet and – as such – it has only 3 race hours since completion of the overhaul. It is in as new, concours condition and the owner will renew the crack testing and fuel tank as part of the sale. The car also comes with a set of spare wheels and new body parts.

This factory-built and stunning Porsche 962C-131 is sold in race-ready condition and is eligible for all the prestigious historic events reserved for these legendary, long-distance Group C cars.

Make: PORSCHE Model: 962C Year: 1987

Chassis number: 962 131

Chassis: Aluminium unibody – Factory original chassis

Body: Kevlar Carbon Fibre Engine: PORSCHE 2,8 L Water/Air Power: 750 HP @ 7.600 rpm Gearbox: Porsche 962 - 5 speeds

Weight: 900 kg

History

962C-131 Racing history:

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11/10/1987 - Zeltweg II - Interseries Championship - 6th / 8th
28/11/1987 - 500 km of Kyalami - non-championship race - 8th / 8th
06/03/1988 - 800\;\mbox{km} of Jerez - Sports Cars World Championship - 9th
13/03/1988 - 360 km of Jarama - Sports Cars World Championship - 15th
03/04/1988 - Hungaroring - Interseries Championship - 4th / 3rd
10/04/1988 - Monza - Sports Cars World Championship - 9th
24/04/1988 - Hockenheim - Interseries Championship - 5th / 7th
08/05/1988 - Silverstone - Sports Cars World Championship - 7th
29/05/1988 - Hockenheim - Supercup Championship - 9th
12/06/1988 - Le Mans 24 Hours - Sports Cars World Championship - NQ
26/06/1988 - Norisring - Supercup Championship - 8th
10/07/1988 - Brno - Sports Cars World Championship - 9th
24/07/1988 - Brands Hatch - Sports Cars World Championship - 7th
31/07/1988 - Zeltweg - Interseries Championship - 4th / 3rd
07/08/1988 - Diepholz - Supercup Championship - 10th
14/08/1988 - Most - Interseries Championship - 3rd / 3rd
04/09/1988 - Nürburgring - Sports Cars World Championship - 10th
18/09/1988 - Spa - Sports Cars World Championship - 7th
20/11/1988 - 360km of Sandown- Sports Cars World Championship - DNF
26/11/1988 - 500 km of Kyalami - non-championship race
30/04/1989 - Nürburgring - Supercup Championship - 6th
14/05/1989 - Silverstone - Supercup Championship - 7th
21/05/1989 - 480 km of Dijon - Sports Cars World Championship - 22nd
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11/06/1989 - Le Mans 24 Hours - Sports Cars World Championship - NQ

18/06/1989 - Zeltweg - Interseries Championship - 7th and 3rd

25/06/1989 - Norisring - Supercup Championship - 9th

09/07/1989 - Wunstorf - Interseries Championship - 5th / DNF

23/07/1989 - Brands Hatch - Sports Cars World Championship - DNF

20/08/1989 - Nürburgring - Sports Cars World Championship - DNF

03/09/1989 - Donington - Sports Cars World Championship - 16th

17/09/1989 - Spa Cups - Sports Cars World Championship - 16th

24/09/1989 - Nürburgring - Supercup Championship - 11th

29/10/1989 - Mexico City - Sports Cars World Championship - DNS

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